GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1371
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2002
FIXATION OF HIGHER RATES OF WHEAT IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have fixed the price of wheat at Rs. 705/- per quintal forOrissa under OMSSO(D) Scheme, which is Rs. 55/- quintal higher than the rates for the neighbouring States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to treat all the States at parin case of rates for wheat of all categories?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The High Level Committee (HLC) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) isauthorized to fix the open sale rates of wheat under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic).For the months of February and March, 2002, the OMSS (D) rates have been fixed State-wise after taking into account the acquisition costs and the average freight to the States. The open sale rates for Lustre lost wheat (crop of 2001-02) and normal wheat for the State of Orissa have accordingly been fixed at Rs.665/- and Rs.705/- per quintal respectively. The Statewise rates are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1371 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08-03-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Rate per qtl.(in Rs.)

North Zone

S.No.	Name of State/U.T.	Lustre lost wheat 2002-02	Sound wheat
1	Delhi	615	655
2	Chandigarh	615	655
3	Punjab	615	655
4	Haryana	615	655
5	Uttar Pradesh	625	665
6	Uttaranchal	625	665
7	Rajasthan	625	665
8	Himachal Pradesh	620	660
9	Jammu & Kashmir	630	670

South Zone

10	Tamilnadu	685	725
11	Pondicherry	685	725
12	Kerala	685	725
13	Andhra Pradesh	680	720
14	A&N Islands	690	730
15	Lakshadweep	690	730
16	Kernataka	680	720

East Zone

17	Bihar	640	680
18	West Bengal	660	700
19	Sikkim	665	705
20	Orissa	665	705
21	Jharkhand	650	690
	North East Zone		
22	Assam & Other NE States	675	715
	West Zone		
23	Maharashtra	655	695
24	Goa	660	700
25	Madhya Pradesh	630	670
26	Chattisgarh	650	690
27	Gujarat	650	690
28	Daman & Diu	650	690
29	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	650	690